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Research Interests:

Development Economics, Political Economy, Migration, Applied Econometrics

Employment

2017 - Assistant Professor, New Economic School

Postgraduate Studies:

2016 – 2017 Visiting Postdoc, Universitat Pompeu Fabra,

2014 – 2015 Visiting Postdoc, STICERD (London School of Economics)

2014 Visiting Researcher, JPAL South East Asia (Jakarta)

2014 Visiting Postdoc, IIES (Stockholm University)

2013 – 2017 Postdoctoral Fellow (Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Scholarship), U. Gothenburg

Graduate and undergraduate Studies:

PhD in Economics, University of Gothenburg (Sweden)

MSc in Economics, University of Edinburg (UK)

BA in Economics and Business Administration, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

Refereeing activity:

American Economic Review (10), American Economic Journal: Policy (2), Review of Economics and Statistics (1), Journal of Public Economics (3), Journal of Development Economics (4), World Bank Economic Review (1), British Journal of Political Science (1), Economic Development and Cultural Change (3), Journal of Comparative Economics (3), Journal of Politics (1), Journal of Development Studies (3), Economica (1), Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics (1), Land Economics (1), Journal of Macroeconomic Dynamics (1), Economic Inquiry (1).

Teaching Experience:

2023 – 2024 New Economic School: Development Economics (Master); Institutional Economics (Master); Institutional Economics (Bachelor)

2022 – 2023 New Economic School: Development Economics (Master); Institutional Economics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor)

2021 – 2022 New Economic School: Development Economics (Master); Institutional Economics (Master); Institutional Economics (Bachelor)

2020 – 2021 New Economic School: Development Economics (Master); Institutional Economics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor)

2019 – 2020 New Economic School: Development Economics (Master); Institutional Economics (Bachelor)

2018 – 2019	New Economic School: Development Economics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor)
2017 – 2018	New Economic School: Development Economics (Master); Econometrics I (Master); Institutional Economics (Bachelor)
2016 – 2017	U. Gothenburg: Development Economics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor)
2015 – 2016	U. Gothenburg: Development Economics (Master); Graduate Econometrics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor)
2014 – 2015	U. Gothenburg: Development Economics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor)
2013 – 2014	U. Gothenburg: Development Economics (Master); Graduate Econometrics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor); TA Econometrics II (PhD)
2012 – 2013	U. Gothenburg: Graduate Econometrics (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor); TA Econometrics I (PhD)
2011 – 2012	U. Gothenburg: Graduate Econometrics (Master); European Integration (Master); Development Economics (Bachelor); TA Econometrics II (PhD)
2010 – 2011	U. Gothenburg: TA Econometrics I (PhD); TA Mathematics for Economists (PhD)

Publications:

“Internal Migration Networks and Mortality in Home Communities: Evidence from Italy during the Covid-19 Pandemic” (with Ruben Durante), *European Economic Review*, Volume 140, November 2021, 103890.

“Ethnic Segregation: Measurement and Evidence” (with Roland Hodler and Alberto Vesperoni), *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 200, August 2021, 104446.

“Ethnic Favoritism: An Axiom of Politics?” (with Giacomo de Luca, Roland Hodler and Paul Raschky), *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 132, May 2018, Pages 115-129.

“Land Property Rights and International Migration: Evidence from Mexico,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 110, September 2014, Pages 276-290.

Work in Progress:

“To Russia with Love? Sanctions' Impact on Elections”, Kiel Working Paper 2212 (with Julian Hinz and Robert Gold)

“Religious Practices and Voting Behavior”

“Was Weber Right?”

“Cultural Mismatches and Project Performance” (with Bob Rijkers)

“Social Media and Firm Creation”

Media and non-technical writing:

«Чему Берлускони научил политиков» (English: «What lessons can be learnt from Silvio Berlusconi's Career», 29th September 2023)

«Экономика или жизнь: правда ли, что локдауны не снизили смертность от ковида» (English: Economy or life: is it true that lockdowns have not reduced mortality from Covid, N+1 Blog: <https://nplus1.ru/blog/2022/02/17/lockdown-benefit>, 17th February 2022)

«Internal migration and the spread of COVID-19» (VoxEU, 2nd September 2020)

«Internal migration and the spread of COVID-19» (CEPR Covid Paper, May 2020)

«Internal migration and the spread of COVID-19» (with Tatiana Mikhailova) in the ebook «ЭКОНОМИЧЕСКАЯ ПОЛИТИКА ВО ВРЕМЕНА COVID-19» (April 2020)

«Ethnic Geography: Measurement and Evidence» (FREE Policy Briefs, 20th January 2020)

«Ethnic Favoritism: Not just an African phenomenon» (VoxEU, 21st July 2016)

Invited Seminars:

- 2022: University of Naples-Parthenope.
 2020: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
 2019: Paris School of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, U. Heidelberg, U. Freiburg.
 2018: SITE (Stockholm School of Economics), U. Lancaster, Charles U. (Prague).
 2017: NES (Moscow), HSE and ICEF (Moscow), U. Groningen, UCD (Dublin), U. Barcelona, UPF breakfast seminar (Barcelona).
 2016: Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (Germany), Quality of Government Institute (Göteborg), Novafrica (Nova Lisboa), Conference on “Multidisciplinary perspectives on corruption and its effects on business” (King’s College), GREThA Conference (Bordeaux), NCID Workshop (Madrid; U. Navarra),
 2015: PSE (France), St. Gallen (Switzerland), Essex (UK), Alicante (Spain), Grantham Institute (UK);
 2014: NTNU (Trondheim, Norway), IIES (Stockholm University), PSPE-LSE (UK), York (UK), STICERD (UK);
 2013: IIES (Stockholm University), Oslo University (Norway), Lancaster University (United Kingdom).
 2012: LICOS (KU Leuven, Belgium).

Conference and Workshop Presentations:

- 2023: Behavioral Economics Workshop (U. Gothenburg); Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE); Workshop in Applied Economics (Petralia);
 2022: SIOE Annual Meeting (Toronto); Workshop in Applied Economics (Petralia);
 2021: Arne Ryde Workshop on Culture, Institutions, and Development (Lund); Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Covid-19 Workshop);
 2020: SIOE Annual Meeting (MIT); Immigration in OECD countries (CEPII-LISER-OECD conference);
 2019: «Advances in the Theory and Empirics of Institutions, Trade and Economic Development» (Nottingham). «Culture, Institutions and Economic Development» (Matera), SIOE Annual Meeting (Stockholm), Workshop in Applied Economics (Petralia);
 2018: NEUDC (Cornell U.), ASSA Meeting (Philadelphia);
 2017: Annual Development Economics Conference (U. Göttingen), Conference on “Corruption, Tax Evasion and Institutions” (Riga), Aswede Meeting (Örebro), ASSA Meeting (Chicago);
 2016: ASWEDE (Stockholm School of Economics), Political Economy of Development Workshop (University of Navarra, Madrid), GREThA Conference in International Development (Bordeaux), Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Corruption (King’s College, London), NOVAfrica conference on Economic Development in Africa (Lisbon), National Conference of Swedish Economists (Göteborg);
 2015: NBER Workshop in Political Economy (Boston), SSDEV-IDEAS (Garda, Italy), Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance (IEB, Barcelona), SITE conference on corruption (SSE, Stockholm);
 2013: NEUDC (Harvard), EEA/ESEM (Göteborg), Conflict and Cooperation with Natural Resources (Wageningen);
 2012: Asian Meeting of the Econometrics Society (Delhi), Growth and Development Conference at ISI (Delhi), SSDEV-IDEAS (Ascea, Naples), NCDE 2012 (Göteborg);
 2011: NEUDC (Yale), European Peace Science Conference (Tinbergen Institute), Decentralization and Democratization in South-East Asia (Freiburg), NORFACE 2011 (UCL);
 2010: Migration and Development (Paris School of Economics), LACEA (Medellin), EUDN Workshop (Clermont-Ferrand), CSAE (OXFORD), NCDE (Helsinki), DIW (Berlin).

Languages:

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Russian (beginner), Swedish (beginner).